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Mien Teens Dance at Lunar New Year Festival

The Mien New Year was observed with a performance by teenagers at the Oakland Auditorium last Sunday. (Photo by Leland Wong.)

Patsy Mink Urges Asian Political Involvement

SAN FRANCISCO — Former Congresswoman Patsy Mink of Hawaii last week exhorted members of the SF Federation of Asian Pacific Democratic Clubs to commit themselves to an Asian/Pacific political action movement "with a sense of urgency and with a high degree of discipline."

"It is important for Asians around the country to get organized and assert their political ideology, whatever it is...We ought to have spokespersons in effective places where they can share in the decision-making going on every day," she said.

LEADERSHIP

Mink served as president of the Americans for Democratic Action until July. Although she maintains a residence in Washington, she continues to be active in Hawaii, most notably in the recent formation of a women's political action league. This past fall, Mink taught a course on contemporary issues facing the women's movement at the University of Hawaii. She was in town last week to address the annual meeting of Planned Parenthood, of which she is a national board member.

"There is no more likely place for an Asian politicl action movement to take hold than in San Francisco," she told the Federation. "You have the leadership burden to mold and establish the character of the Asian/Pacific movement." Below are some excerpts from her remarks.

Grass Roots: "The call for political action and grass roots organizing is long overdue. A frontal, aggressive, forthright approach is needed, and the focus needs to be immediately political."

Affirmative Action: "I can think of nothing better and more effective than running candidates from your own community. Have your own affirmative action program, search them out, scrutinize their ideology, and make sure they share your goals and objectives, make them accountable to you."

BURDEN

Parties: "The parties aren't disciplined or organized in terms of what they stand for and what they work for...The parties encourage general apathy, because activity to them means a contest on their right to lead...In my book, anyone who is nonpartisan is more evil than a Republican. You cannot be nonpartisan and have a voice in government."

Ideology: "Asians must recognize that liberal ideology is the ideology of the future. If they can't, there will be a generaiton of enormous displacement and suffering ahead. Those of us who were privileged to be citizens from birth have an enormous burden to translate the benefits we have enjoyed to the new Asian immigrants."

Liberals: "The most difficult thing to do with liberals is to organize them in a disciplined way, because they all want to do their own thing."

Immigrants: In Hawaii, "those who are new immigrants are far more politically eager, more radicalized...than those of comparable age who are Hawaii-born. The ones born in Hawaii are too satisfied with their condition, status, family responsibilities."

TOKENISM

Asian Congressmen: "Norman Mineta is the leader of intellectual and liberal thinking in Congress. Mineta stands so far above others in Congress that he merits an enormous amount of respect and support, and Bob Matsui is following closely in Norm's footsteps."

Tokenism: "If you disagree with an Asian (in a leadership position), you can't allow yourself to be silent just because there's an Asian. If you are wiped out the moment an Asian is put in, you are subscribing to the doctrine of tokenism."

Federal Budget Cuts: "We have the obligation to always express concern for human welfare — if not, we fail our own kind. Get organized quickly and put the heat on your state capitol to keep what is essential going for the next three years, because I can't for the life of me believe that this will continue beyond '84."

Plans: "I probably will run for something, because I can't stand the idleness...Politics is still the top of the line as far as my interests go." □

Reagan's Plans Promise Little for Chinatown

By MARY CASTAGNOZZI

SAN FRANCISCO — President Reagan's State of the Union Address last Tuesday night has done little to assuage fears in the local community about the effects which his economic and social welfare policies will have in already-depressed areas.

Re-asserting his objection to increasing taxes, Reagan said that although the decision to keep the tax cuts he has initiated and to not increase any excise taxes, coupled with an increase in defense spending, will lead to a budget deficit of around $100 billion, he will "stand by his word." He urged the public to "produce, save and invest" in order to make the US a "mighty engine of freedom, hope and prosperity."

SERIOUS

Often mentioning "inherited" problems faced by his administration — such as inflation, nonessential government spending and mismanagement of federal programs, Reagan offered little new insight into his economic plans, instead elaborating on those already announced.

"We are reaching an unemployment of 10%, which means almost 10 million people are out of work. I am very disappointed that President Reagan, in his state of the union presentation, didn't address this problem. It's a very serious situation — not only as an economic problem, but as a social problem as well," commented economist Linda Tsao Yang, State Savings and Loan Commissioner.

"Many of the people have no insurance, and, without their jobs, they have no medical care payments. At a time when Reagan is trying to cut back on social programs, there will be more and more people unemployed and needing those services...

"I would say Reagan is involved with a truly revolutionary redirection of the economy. He's reversing a 30-year trend with the manner in which he is redistributing income...People with good jobs, and with a guarantee of a continued job, will come out better than those at the other end," Yang predicted.

"With a $100 billion-plus deficit certain for '82, this will keep interest rates from falling. We'd all like to see interest rates fall... especially those in small businesses, where loans are already hard to get," Yang said, noting that with "no significant decline" in the interest rate foreseeable, the auto and housing industries will continue to suffer, and ultimately further dim the employment picture.

DISMAL

Reagan also outlined a recently announced $47 billion "financially equal swap" with state and local governments. The plan, although not completely detailed yet, would place the responsibility for food stamps, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (two crucial components of the federal welfare program), educational programs, and community and urban planning development funding with individual states and cities.

In return, the federal government would assume total responsibility for medicare and Medicaid, as well as support for the eldelry, social security (already a federal program) and for major construction and highway projects which have interstate and national value.

Beginning in 1984, revenues from excise taxes would be funneled into a $28 billion trust fund, collected annually, from which states could draw for the funding of the programs assumed from the federal government. By

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Hon Sing Wins 90-Day Respite

SAN FRANCISCO — During a meeting last week of the board of KQED, a 90-day moratorium on programming changes was approved, thereby granting the Chinese-language KQED-FM program, *Hon Sing*, a respite from the bouncing originally scheduled for Feb. 7.

Although general manager Al Hulsen had claimed that the decision to bounce *Hon Sing*, and the other Arab, Israeli, Filipino, and Hispanic programs aired on Sunday evenings, was basically a programming decision, Chinese for Affirmative Action director Henry Der contended that it had serious policy implications. The board thereby agreed to a moratorium while a study on what services were offered these communities elsewhere.

"If any other entity inside or outside of KQED can meet the needs of the Chinese-speaking community, then let them do it. We don't believe that we're the only ones who can do it, but we've done it for so many years because we've been the only ones doing it," Der told *East/West*. CAA is the sponsor for the hour-long program, which begins its twelfth year next week.

"How do you serve the needs of people with special ethnic backgrounds and special language needs?" he queried. While Hulsen had pointed out that Chinese American topics are introduced into regular daytime programming, Der contested that this was not sufficient, and was geared basically at white, middle-class audiences, and not fulfilling the needs of the large immigrant communities in the Bay Area. □

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1988, states would have over 40 federal grant programs under their jurisdiction and responsibility.

Reagan also underscored his support for the Voting Rights Act, although Attorney General William French Smith, speaking on behalf of the administration, had indicated the desire to trim some aspects of the House bill for its extension which were considered crucial by civil rights groups.

Despite Reagan's exhortations to patriotism, pride and perserverence, community workers were dismal about the future of needed social welfare programs.

"It's hopeless for us to even live with, much less to catch up with, the cuts in programs. Everyday we come in and find there's been new cuts," lamented Self-Help for the Elderly director Anni Chung.

"With Reagan, the first step is blocking the programs together. Second, it's cutting. And then, third, he drops them altogether," she said.

Although Chung was wary of state block grant programs, she is also critical of the past ability of federal programs to effectively serve the community.

"Community-based organizations have mushroomed because the feds can't deal effectively with specific communities. Liaisons and liaison organizations are very important. Federal programs need to be more accessible, and need more bilingual assistance," she stressed.

Chung, along with other social service agency representatives, last month attended block grant task force hearings in Sacramento (of the 15 task force members, only 3 attended, she reported). "We went up wanting to know how to apply for the block grants, what the criteria would be. But nobody was ready — the state is far from being ready to deal with block grants," she said.

"If the funds are given to the state in a lump-sum, it will be capped. A lot of programs will be cut out. The programs will no longer be open-ended — once the quota is full, it will stop, even if there are still others in need and eligible. There will be no federal standards of service," Chung predicted.

Moreover, there will be fierce competition among all social service agencies, Chung fears. "We'll all become competitors. The larger county agencies will survive, but the little community-based organizations (CBO's) will be cut off. CBO's are proven to be more cost-effective, but that won't make any difference," Chung said, adding that minority community-oriented programs will undoubtedly suffer proportionately.

SUFFER

Chung is particularly upset with Reagan's changing stance on vital benefits programs. "First he'll cut one benefit, promising an alternative in another program. But then, he'll go and rescind that," she charged, citing Reagan's initial promise of SSI eligibility for those who would have lost the $122 minimum social security payment, which was later cancelled when SSI announced that the 65-year-old age requirement would remain.

"The president has been playing with the poor and the elderly. We're warning our clients not to fall for those traps," she said. Currently, efforts are underway to organize the city to battle the elimination of all CETA programs which is said to be next on Reagan's agenda of "cutting federal spending and bureacracy."

"Chinatown especially will suffer when CETA is cut. We want people all over the city to know who has been helped by CETA-funded training and service programs," she said.

Although many expressed pessimism about Reagan's philosophy before he was elected, many civil rights activists and social workers have been shocked to see the extensiveness of some of Reagan's policies, and the relative popularity he has enjoyed to date.

NATIONAL STANDARD

"Reagan has literally hoodwinked the American public. He is a terrific actor in rallying the American troops to be patriotic and in talking about the excessiveness of government bureaucracy and spending, but his economic policies will be his downfall. They're hurting minorities, small businesses, the eldelry, the poor...

"He's actually depressed the economy, so that it can't be consumer-oriented. He's hardly creating a healthy economic environment — the capital is concentrated in the few large multi-billion-dollar corporations," Chinese for Affirmative Action director Henry Der charged.

"He's portrayed the government to be evil — but it has a legitimate role. Who will take care of the poor, the parks, the highways, who will enforce civil rights law if not the federal government? We need a national standard...Wall Street could care less about who takes care of poor people, they're only interested in the interest rates. Reagan's never proven the private sector can or will do anything to assume responsibility," he continued.

"I really believe that we're not that far from a serious depression," Der concluded. □

Roland Tong Slain by Client

SAN FRANCISCO — Attorney Roland Tong was shot to death last Thursday in his Flood Building office by a suspect identified by police as a distraught client. The suspect, 46-year-old Conrado Gallardo, turned himself in after placing a call to authorities. Tong died in the Mission Emergency Hospital shortly after the 1:25 pm shooting.

Tong, a 42-year-old specialist in affirmative action cases, received his law degree from the University of Wisconsin and later worked for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in SF. He worked at an Oakland law firm for several years before setting up his own practice in SF. "A devout churchgoer," Tong also earned a doctorate of divinity degree in New York.

He is survived by his parents C. Yuk Tong and Chuck Gum Dai of SF, his brothers David, an Oakland Tribune writer, and Ben, a SF State instructor. Funeral ceremonies were held yesterday at Grace Cathedral. Donations in Roland Tong's name may be sent to Grace Cathedral School for Boys, 1275 Sacramento, SF 94108.

Chinese American Authors Speak at Historical Soc.

SAN FRANCISCO — Writers Ruthanne Lum McCunn and Judy Yung will be the featured guests at a meeting of the Chinese Historical Society on Fri., Feb. 19. McCunn will discuss her latest book, *A Thousand Pieces of Gold*, and Judy Yung will report on "Chinese American Women," a work in progress. The free event will be at 7:30 pm at the Chinese Culture Center, 750 Kearny St., 3rd fl. □

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Two C'town Restaurants Hit

SAN FRANCISCO – Two Chinatown restaurants were hit within a 12-hour period Sunday night and Monday morning, and the well-dressed gunman involved in both may well be the same person, according to police reports.

The Empress of China Restaurant was robbed of over $100,000, the total of three days receipts, at around 9:30 am after the gunman, dressed in a blue blazer and carrying a briefcase, came to the restaurant asking if he could use a telephone. After being admitted, he disarmed a security guard and, pointing a gun, ordered manager Stanley Toy to open the safe, the *SF Chronicle* reported. Some 12 to 13 sacks of cash and checks were given the gunman before he fled.

The Golden Pavilion Restaurant was held up Sunday evening at 9:30 pm after a three-piece suit garbed gunman demanded the cash in the register and robbed four customers and an employee, getting a total of around $800. He missed some $80,000 that was in a box on top of the safe, police said.

EXTORTION

The robber had first come to the restaurant to fill out an application. Returning 10 minutes later to use the restroom, the gunman then produced a gun and demanded money.

The suspected gunman is described as a 25-year old Asian. The case is still open, and police are reluctant to say whether or not the man may have any gang connections. Toy had told the *Chronicle* that he didn't recognize the gunman as anyone belonging to gangs.

On the problem of extortion attempts during the Chinese New Year, incidences to date have been down, according to Inspector John McKenna of the Gang Task Force. Several potential extortionists were frightened off after shopkeepers showed them hand bills distributed by the police urging all attempts to be reported.

While some shopkeepers have given out some money, most are willing to report extortion attempts to the police, McKenna said. One person involved in two different incidents was arrested, he reported. The task force number is 553-1401.

Eleanor Wong Telemaque Joins Writers' Group

NEW YORK — Eleanor Wong Telemaque, the author of *It's Crazy to Stay Chinese in Minnesota*, has been accepted by The Writers Community, a fiction workshop sponsored in part by B. Dalton, Booksellers.

For her candidacy, Telemaque submitted segments of a work in progress, "Dragon Dance," the story of two generations of tong members in the US. The novel traces the rise of this tong from Guangzhou to SF, Chicago, New York and Phoenix. □

EDITORIAL

Community Problems Persist Despite Investment Influx

Since the announcement of Hong Kong's Carrian Group to build a 68-story building in downtown Oakland and the sale of San Francisco's China Basin Building to a Hong Kong real estate tycoon, there has been much talk recently about Asian money coming to the United States.

It is a fact that during the past three decades, many Asian businessmen were able to amass a fortune in trade, industrial development and real estate dealings in many regions in East Asia. And in recent years, tensions in Southeast Asia have driven these businessmen to look to America for investment and resettlement.

There is nothing wrong in this. America certainly welcomes their business expertise and investments. But what bothers us is the attention these investments are getting, and the rumor that all Asian newcomers are wealthy and they will soon take over everything.

The truth is that there is far more money coming from Canada, Europe and the Middle East to invest in real estate, industrial development and other business opportunities in the United States, than from Asian countries. And most of the Asian newcomers in recent years are refugees who are still struggling to climb above the poverty line. Asian American communities have not benefitted from the Carrian project and the China Basin Building sale which generated many rumors and much speculation. Problems in unemployment, housing, education, crime, health and many other areas still remain in our community.

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Asian Mental Health PSAs Denied Airing

OAKLAND — The Asian Community Mental Health Services were notified last week by the state Health and Welfare Agency that they were not to air mental health public service announcements targeted at Asian American communities (*E/W* 1/13/82, 11/11/81), although the booklets prepared as part of the mental health awareness program could be distributed.

ADVOCACY

"The basic messages in the PSA's are aimed at grandparents, families and friends — what's so harmful in that? But it's a political year. I think there is no other reason for their decision other than politics," Vicky Santos, who headed the Oakland project, told *East/West*.

The PSA's program for increasing mental health awareness among minority groups usually left out of regular outreach PSA's, was begun last year, and contracts averaging $85,000 were awarded to organizations serving Asian/Pacific Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, blacks, the elderly and gays.

Following allegations that the PSA's created for the gay community condoned homosexual activity, the Health and Welfare Agency decided that all the PSA's being developed smacked of "advocacy for special interest groups and minority interests." The projects were thereby suspended in the end of October, even though the bulk of the work had been done and the bulk of the funds spent.

In December, however, the state told the agencies to complete the PSA's, which were subject to review late last month. The reviewing committee unanimously recommended that the A/PA PSA's be approved, according to what Santos heard from inside sources. A ruling was expected on Jan. 20, but the announcement did not come until last Thursday.

CRUCIAL

"If they had no intention of approving the PSA's in the first place, why did they tell us to go ahead and finish them, and put us through the motions?" Santos queried. Although the Oakland center didn't receive more than $65,000 for the project before suspension, this has all been spent (approximately $12,000 on materials for the booklets, $12,000 for the six 30-second PSA's for the Chinese, Samoan and Vietnamese communities, three in English and three in the native languages; and the remainder spent on staffing).

"What will they do with the PSA's now? All the money has been spent," Santos lamented. If the Health and Welfare Agency, even in the interest of fiscal responsibility, cannot be persuaded to approve broadcast of the announcements — which, aside from the ones aimed at the gay community, should present no political liability whatsoever — then Santos hopes to arrange for the airing and distribution of the PSA's by the agencies which developed them, without any state-tag attached to them.

The outreach in these communities is crucial, she pointed out, and since the money and effort has already been expended to produce the spots, they should be utilized.

'Current Codes Suffice to Bar Tax-exemption'

WASHINGTON — A congressional panel last week heard a series of witnesses testifying that new legislation recommended by President Reagan to bar tax-exempt status to schools which discriminate is unneeded, and that existing laws and court decisions are sufficient.

The 11-year-old practice of the Internal Revenue Service to deny tax-exempt status to discriminatory schools is well within its right, and set forth in the Constitution, Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the IRS code, as defined in several court decisions, Arthur S. Flemming former chairman of the US Commission on Civil Rights, told the civil and constitutional rights subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee.

"We do not need new legislation to set forth once again the policy of non-support on the part of the federal government of schools that practice racial discrimination," Flemming said. "What we do need is vigorous implementation by the executive branch of (existing laws)." □

Children from the Cumberland Church and 950 Powell St. Kai Ming Site wish everyone a happy Chinese New Year with a ribbon dance.

Songs, Parades and Fun at Kai Ming's New Year's Fest

SAN FRANCISCO — Children, parents and staff of the Kai Ming Head Start last Friday celebrated the Chinese New Year at the Chinese Culture Center with a special performance presented by students from different sites. Students, totalling 192, from the program's six sites, presented brief musical, dancing and theatrical pieces to the audience of parents, grandparents, community workers and children from around the city.

"It is a time for us to celebrate the New Year and to share our traditions and culture with others. Starting here, we want to teach the children to appreciate the cultures of others, and to better appreciate their own culture.

"It's one way to share this important festival with others, and to show appreciation to the parents. The parents are very active in the operation of the center, but are usually pressured by economic problems. This gives them time to get together and celebrate," explained Marie Lee, district director of the program.

VOLUNTEER

Aside from the Chinatown site, the program also has sites in the Inner Richmond, Bayview, Potrero Hill/Central City, Chapel Hill (serving the Western District and Outer Sunset areas) and the Mission. Serving children 3 to 5 years old from low-income families, the program has been in existence since August 1975. Funding is provided by the federal Administration for Children, Youth and Family Services; and money for renovation projects has come from the city's Community Development Program.

Parents are required to volunteer twice a month to help the program's 25-person staff (for the entire six sites), according to Kitty Lee, program specialist for social services. Parents also attend monthly meetings, where school issues may be discussed or programs on nutrition, dental care, etc. may be presented. District and city-wide meetings are also attended by parent representatives.

Nine presentations were included in Friday's program — from ribbon dances, a specially-conducted rendition of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, a theatrical-musical version of Mary Had A Little Lamb, to a parade of the Chinese zodiac signs. Taiwan singer Stephanie Fong also performed, and Galileo High School students David and Karen Chew presented a special magic show.

The Chinese Physical Culture Association completed the program with kung fu demonstrations and a lion dance, after which soya bean milk, donated by Vita Soy, and red envelopes were distributed to the children.

For information on Kai Ming programs, call 982-4570. □

FBI Uncovers "Smuggling Operation" in LA

LOS ANGELES — An FBI raid in LA last week exposed what may be a "widespread international smuggling operation," luring Indonesians and other aliens into coming to the US as indentured servants. Over 30 Indonesian adults were discovered working for primarily wealthy residents of LA and Beverly Hills, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

A federal grand jury will investigate the findings of an 11-month investigation conducted by the FBI and the US Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) this week.

UNUSUAL

Although it is common for laborers to be lured illegally across the Mexican border to work in the US as servants, Omer Sewall, deputy director of INS, explained that this case is unusual in that so many people were flown here from so far away.

An affadavit filed by the INS reported that recruiters in Indonesia promised people jobs in the US for two years and provided all necessary travel arrangements, including passports, visas, round-trip air tickets, and cash (to show that the "travelers" were not indigents). Tourist visas seem to have been obtained fraudulently through the American consulate.

Americans would pay from $1500 to $3000 for each servant, usually for manual labor, and would often confiscate the return tickets and the cash of the newly arrived laborers. They also frequently removed passports to discourage attempts to escape. Some employers subpeonaed by the grand jury have claimed that they paid true salaries and provided room and board to the Indonesians.

Daniel Lev, a University of Washington expert on Indonesia, pointed out that Indonesia has one of the lowest per capita incomes in Southeast Asia and that these workers probably come from poor "villages with inadequate land, and incomes of much, much less than $100 a year." Many Indonesians go abroad to work as servants at wages substantially higher than at home, and then return to Indonesia after a few years, he said.

SLAVERY

However, Ngurah Swetja, vice consul of Indonesia in SF, offered another explanation. He doubted that these people were being held against their will "because they came here as tourists." He suggested that the Indonesians were staying in the homes of "friends." It is common for Indonesians to "visit friends in another country and live with them as family," he said.

In another development, an Indonesian consulate official in LA claimed that some of the Indonesian servants have helped entertain guests and serve food at parties in the home of the LA chief consul.

Altogether, 80 people have been subpeonaed to testify before the close grand jury hearings. Twenty-five of the Indonesian laborers are being held on bail in protective custody to avoid "threats, pressure, and attempts to prevent them from testifying fully," the INS affadavit said.

"If you're brought into this country, your documentation is taken away from you, and you're put into a servitude situation, I'd say that's pretty close to slavery," Edgar Best, head of the FBI's LA office observed. □

AA Telecommunicators Meet Feb. 10 at KQED

SAN FRANCISCO — The National Asian American Telecommunications Association will have a meeting, chaired by Louise Lo, on Wed., Feb. 10 at the KQED studio, 8th and Bryant Sts. in conference room A from 7:30-9:30 pm. □

"Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" is performed by the Park Presidio Church Kai Ming Site Children's Orchestra.

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"BIG"

The word "big" also means "great" and "large." A giant is a "big man." The ancient Chinese addressed their government officials, their parents as "great persons" which is the same as "big men." You may call your boss "big man" and, of course, you may call your wife the same thing; that is, if you haven't already.

A little boy ran up to my desk and was making unsolicited remarks about my illustration of "big".

"I know this word," he said, "and I also know why they made it look that way."

"Why?" I asked innocently.

"Oh, you see, this man went fishing and he was showing his friends that the fish he caught was big, big, BIG."

There is a possibility, of course, that the word actually originated that way since the Chinese go big for seafood. But it would be my last intention to give the younger generation the idea that the great honorable ancestors did nothing but going around telling each other fish stories. So I corrected the young scholar:

"Yes, he did go fishing and had a BIG catch. But he was not telling about the size of the fish. He was inviting his friends to share the fish dinner and was welcoming them with both arms. So you see, this picture is not bragging about a BIG fish, but a man with a BIG heart."

By Gordon Lew

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Senate Voting Rights Act Testimony Begins

WASHINGTON — At a one-week delayed Senate Judiciary subcommittee hearing on the Voting Rights Act, Attorney General William French Smith last week testified that the Reagan Administration supports a 10-year extension of the Voting Rights Act, but opposed key provisions of it which civil rights leaders and Senate liberals say are necessary to make the act enforceable.

Smith hailed the law as the "centerpiece" of civil rights legislation approved by Congress in the 1960s and testified that the Administration favors provisions for bilingual voting assistance at polling places and a new "bail-out" procedure for states that have proved they are not discriminating against minorities.

MISLEADING

However, Smith also testified that he opposed a new provision to make "results" rather than "intent" the test for discrimination under the law. That provision is supported by civil rights groups and was included in the Voting Rights Act extension bill approved 389 to 24 by the House last October. Smith charged that the provision would lead to an "upheaval" in the electoral and redistricting processes and to "proportional representation" according to racial quotas rather than the individual representation guaranteed by the Constitution. (Actually, the House version specifies that disproportionate representation shall not, in and of itself, be grounds for discrimination.)

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy accused him of making "false and misleading" statements. Citing the Reagan Administration's stand on tax exemptions for schools that discriminate and its controversial appointments to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Kennedy told the Attorney General that the Administration faced a "crisis in confidence" in its commitment to equal rights for women and minorities.

Charging that "political rhetoric" had been injected into the debate, Smith said, "The President doesn't have a discriminatory bone in his body." When laughter and hisses filled the hearing room, subcommittee chair Sen. Orrin G. Hatch threatened to clear the room, the *New York Times* reported.

RED HERRING

Others testified that until the 1980 Supreme Court ruling which found that "intent" to discriminate has to be proved, cases historically had been won based on the "effects" of discriminatory electoral procedures. (The 1965 law requires that nine states and portions of 13 others, including California, get Justice Dept. approval for election law changes, because they have shown a history of discrimination in election procedures.) The recent court ruling necessitated a new provision to "clarify" the Voting Rights Act, they said.

"If we had to prove intent, they would all say, "That is not my intent,'" NAACP director Benjamin C. Hooks said. "We are not seeking proportional representation. We are simply seeking the unfettered right to vote." Hooks accused Hatch and Smith of using quotas as a "scare tactic and red herring."

Sen. Charles Mathias Jr. announced during the hearings that the toughened House version of the measure had gained another Republican supporter, Sen. Harrison Schmitt. The bill now is cosponsored by 22 Senate Republicans and 40 Democrats, he said. The subcommittee is expected to vote on the issue by the end of Feb., with Senate floor debate to follow.

The *New York Times* commented that the Reagan Administration is trying to respond to conflicting pressures with its voting rights positions. "On the one hand, the Administration needs to attract more black voters, particularly in Southern districts now represented by Democrats, if it hopes to win control of the House next November. . . But Mr. Reagan and his allies still consider the act an unfair infringement on local autonomy, and they are eager to placate white Southerners who have been voting Republican in growing numbers," the *Times* reported. □

Art Agnos Slates Community Budget Forums in SF

SAN FRANCISCO — Assemblyman Art Agnos announced that he will hold the first of four monthly community budget forums in SF on Fri., Feb. 26 from 2 to 5 pm in the State Office Building auditorium, 350 McAllister St., SF. "This will give citizens a chance to participate in critical fiscal decisions to be made by the legislature," Agnos said.

The legislative analyst and members of the governor's office and the Dept. of Finance will be present to describe and answer questions about the governor's budget proposal for 1982-83.

"In a year such as we are facing — with further massive federal funding reductions proposed and extremely tight state revenues — I feel very strongly that the people of the city — citizens, businesses, public and private agencies, and city officials — need a forum both to get information and to respond to a variety of very critical choices we will make in Sacramento," he said. □

Opium War Shows Feb. 13 in San Diego

SAN DIEGO — The Chung Hwa School and the US-China Peoples' Friendship Association will sponsor the showing of the Chinese film *Opium War* on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 10 am at Broadway Theater, 15 Broadway. The classic film depicts a patriotic official, Commissioner Lin Tse-hsu, and his fight against the British trade of opium in China. Admission is $1. □

Justice Dep't Upholds Rules on Financial Assistance for Schools

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department last week rejected a proposal from the Education Department which sought a change in definition in "financial assistance," and which would have affected over 1,000 schools. The proposal, designed to lessen federal interference in school operations, would have eliminated federal scrutiny of the civil rights practices of colleges where students (but not the institution directly) received federal assistance. The federal decision was explained in papers filed by Justice Department attorneys in the US Court of Appeals for the Third District in Philadelphia.

Under existing regulations, if a student receives federal aid while enrolled at an educational institution, this is considered aid to the institution, and the college must meet federal civil rights regulations.

JURISDICTION

The general counsel of the education department, Daniel Oliver, had written a memo to education secretary T. H. Bell last month, indicating that the agency now had an opportunity to "make a political point concerning the reach of federal jurisdiction, namely, that when we aid students, we do not thereby obtain jurisdiction over institutions," the *New York Times* reported.

The Justice Department objected to the proposal, indicating it had poor chances of withstanding a challenge in court. However, federal education officials are still considering a more modest version which would exempt federal guaranteed loans from the definition, estimated to have potential effect on 325 schools, where guaranteed student loans are the only type of federal aid.

The pending court case involves Grove City College in Pennsylvania where officials refused to sign an assurance of compliance with Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments which prohibits sex discrimination in federally aided programs. School attorneys said that the officials had no objection with the philosophy, but didn't believe they were subject to its requirements, since they had consciously avoided federal aid. Some of its students, however, do receive federally guaranteed loans. □

Libraries Sponsor Children's Films

SAN FRANCISCO — The Northbeach Branch Library, 2000 Mason St., will sponsor several Chinese New Year programs for children. On Thu., Feb. 11, films for preschool children, "Dragon Wore Tennis Shoes," "Tangrams," and "Matrioska," will be shown at 10:30 am and 2:30 pm. "Stilt Dancers of Long Bow Village" and "Living Music for Golden Mountain" will be presented for school-age children at 3:30 pm.

On Thu., Feb. 18 from 3 to 4:30 pm, a dough sculpture workshop will be offered to teach children how to make miniature objects with colored dough. For information, call 391-9473.

The Chinatown Branch Library, 1135 Powell St., will hold a Chinese and English riddle contest on Sat., Feb. 20 from 3 to 5 pm. Prizes will be offered to participants. Call 989-6770 for information. □

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Refugees, Workers Testify on Need for Services Funding

By JANE SUJEN BOCK

SAN FRANCISCO — Refugee program administrators, social workers, mental health counselors, and other social service providers from around the state testified last Friday on the impact of "these harsh political and economic times," on Southeast Asian refugees who have settled in California.

The verdict of the Assembly Ways and Means subcommittee hearing, chaired by Assemblyman Art Agnos, was unanimous: more money and more services are needed immediately to help the refugees become self-sufficient and contributing members of society.

COMMITMENT

"We Americans have a moral and civil commitment to the Indochinese who have sought refuge here," Agnos told the audience of 100. California now has 200,000 refugees, 35% of the national refugee population, with increases of at least 3,000 expected each month, he said. (An estimated 30,000 refugees now live in the Bay Area, with that number expected to reach 42,000 by the end of 1982.)

The purpose of the hearing was to seek the "most appropriate, cost effective, and humane way" to integrate the refugees into American life "with dignity and self-sufficiency," Agnos said.

A number of state and federal regulations established within the past few months have curtailed the amount of money and services available to refugees. Dr. Sharon Fujii, regional director of the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement testified that refugee eligibility for cash and medical assistance will be reduced from three years to 18 months beginning this spring. In fiscal 1980, $28 million was allocated by the federal government for refugee social services in California, but only $20 million was available in 1981.

Furthermore, budget control language in state legislation called for refugee services to concentrate on newly arrived immigrants, and on those who have been in the US for at least three years with services aimed at "heads of households," leaving out those non-heads of households and those who have been here between 6 months and 3 years.

The federal cutbacks in refugee assistance hit California especially hard because the state has become home to many "secondary migrants" whose allocations remain in the states they originally settled.

MINOR MIRACLE

According to Jo Frederick, director of the Office of Refugee Services, the "on-again, off-again" policies of the federal government make refugee programs difficult to manage and confusing for service providers and recipients. She testified that future funding might take the form of block grants to counties, one major grant to the Employment Development Department, or state "seed money" for interdepartmental programs.

Cathleen Gretenhart, associate director of Catholic Social Services, testified that refugees are branded failures if they haven't become self-sufficient within the 18 or 36 month period designated by the government.

When they arrive in the US, they are "physically debilitated, emotionally traumatized, and lacking those skills valued in a highly technological society," she said. It would be a "minor miracle for them to become self-sufficient" within the given time period, she said, asserting that the budget control measures had worked to "decimate" support systems that had evolved over the years.

According to Contra Costa County assistant health officer, Dr. Frank Hesse, Contra Costa has been forced to drastically curtail its primary and preventive health care services, such as its immunization, education, and outreach programs, and mental health services have been all but eliminated.

ACUTE

He and other health service providers testified that refugees lack concepts of preventive health care and family planning and that the incidence of communicable disease among them is very high (40 to 50% are infected with tuberculosis at the time of arrival, despite overseas screenings). Contra Costa has invested substantial amounts for refugee health care, to promote adaptation, and to protect the public health, Hesse said, but he warned that local monies can not begin to compensate for the federal and state cutbacks.

Linda Yu, program director for Northeast Medical Services (NEMS) explained that NEMS received $230,000 in Dept. of Health and Human Services funding for screening and follow-up care for 1,200 refugees. However, when the funding stopped in 1981, the refugees kept coming, with 4,000 registered during the past year.

Reiko True, of the SF Public Health Dept. testified that refugee needs for mental health services are especially acute. In fiscal 1980-81, $1.25 million was allocated for mental health programs, but these were deemed non-essential by the California Dept. of Social Services and eliminated in October. True said that "conservative" estimates put the number of refugees in need of mental health services at 10%, or around 25,000 in the city and county of SF.

While nearly all the speakers called for collaborative efforts on the part of the public and private sectors, Betty Armstrong of the American Council for Nationalities Services warned that private initiative and charitable giving cannot be expected to make up for government cutbacks.

While increases in the United Way donations slightly exceeded the inflation rate this past year for the past time since the Korean War, community agencies will lose an average of 14% in their federal funds this year, so there is little chance even of "keeping up," she said. She appealed to the Assembly to allocate the maximum amount possible to private agencies, because they have developed culturally sensitive staffs, have experience in mobilizing local communities, and have more flexibility than government offices would.

Linda Yu of Northeast Medical Services and Reiko True of the SF Public Health Department testify on the need for health care funding for Southeast Asian refugees. (Photo by Shulee Ong).

LEADERSHIP

Like many of the speakers, Terry Wiley, project coordinator for the Long Beach Dept. of Public Health, called on the state to involve more refugees in policy-making positions. "There is no vacuum in leadership," he testified. Vu-Duc Vuong, of the Center for Southeast Asian Refugee Resettlement, agreed. He pointed out that many refugees have been in the US for almost seven years, and "some of us are now past the survival stage." "We want to take a more responsible role in decision-making" affecting the refugee community, he said.

Vuong also testified that the state should promote economic, cultural, and political independence, not just physical survival of the refugees. Calling the funding curtailments "self-defeating," Vuong warned that "100 times more will be needed in assistance later" if adequate programs are not provided now. Vuong added that limiting programs to heads of households discriminates against women, children, and the elderly.

The most moving testimony of the day came from the refugees themselves. Vang Ying, president of the Lao Family Association and a caseworker at the Center for Refugee Resettlen ent told Agnos, "Our people come from the countryside and don't have experience with city life. We have no language skills or jobs. Now there are no social services to help us solve our problems and learn to live in the US."

He also said that changes in eligibility are confusing and refugees are often uncertain where to go for help. "We want to keep our self-respect and that of our neighbors. We need help for everyone in our family, not just the head of the family," he said in halting English. He appealed to the Assembly to "give us help in learning to live and become a part of this new country we are in."

Hoa Van Truong, chairman of the Chinese Indochina Benevolent Association, testified through an interpreter that refugees "wish to get back on their own feet, to get back into their professions and careers, to become self-sufficient and self-determinate." Many of the refugees are skilled but lack English skills and licensing, he said. "Dependency on the US is just temporary...I assure you that given the resources from California, the refugees will become productive members of society," he testified. □

World Affairs Council Plans Feb. 10 Talk On Chinese Language

SAN FRANCISCO — The International Forum of the World Affairs Council of Northern California will sponsor a lecture titled "Highlights of the Chinese Language As Reflected Through Cultural Perspectives" by Gordon Lew, chairperson of the Chinese Studies Department at SF City College. He will explore the Chinese language's relationship to contemporary and ancient Chinese culture, how the characters were created out of China's cultural needs, and how they reflect Chinese concepts of life, family and community.

The lecture, to be held at the Grand Palace, 950 Grant Ave., will include an eight-course dinner. No-host cocktails begin at 5:45 pm, and dinner at 6:15 pm. Members of the Forum: $13, Nonmembers: $14. Reservations must be made before Feb. 5; 982-2541. The talk will be on Feb. 10. □

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Lotus Among the Magnolias: The Chinese in Mississippi

By SAM CHU LIN

As a youngster living in a small Mississippi town, I was always impressed to see the old coal burning locomotive as it pulled up to the depot, right in the middle of the business district, and I remember it still. I would run out the front door of my grandparents' store to watch the train pull out as it send vibrations through the streets.

On Saturdays, sharecroppers — black and white alike — came fresh from working in the cotton fields to buy groceries and see a 15c Western in town. They'd stroll up to the meat counter and ask for 50c worth of bologna for a sandwich and a Barq's orange or grape drink.

In the winter, they huddled around the store's potbelly stove, rubbing their hands. In the summer, the field hands would sit on wooden benches, a bottle of Falstaff beer in hand, munching fresh roasted peanuts.

GOSSIP

At mealtime, we went to the back of the store which served as the living quarters, to eat in shifts. Numerous pictures hung on the wall, including one of my grandfather at an association meeting in San Francisco. In another, my uncle, with lieutenant bars pinned proudly to his lapel, stood tall in full army uniform.

On special holidays and events, we travelled to different towns to join other Chinese families. If it was a wedding, the senior Chinese would be busy preparing a banquet for a king. Inside a VFW or American Legion building rented by the host, the men would roll up their sleeves and, with paper caps on their heads, they'd stir the various pots and chop the barbecue pork. These gatherings gave the adults a chance to catch up on gossip and for the young people to have fun. After the long rich dinner and speech-making, the floor was cleared of tables, and a band moved in, ready to perform until the early hours of morning.

These are some of my memories of the Chinese in Mississippi. Almost every little town along the Mississippi River from Memphis, Tennessee, on down to Vicksburg, Mississippi, had a Chinese family living there. I often wondered why they came and how it all started.

SOUTHERN ACCENTS

Robert Seto Quan, a sociologist from Alameda who now resides in Monterey Park in southern California, has tried to answer these questions with a new illustrated book, *Lotus Among the Magnolias, the Chinese in Mississippi Dispersed.*

Originally written as a doctoral thesis while Quan attended Mississippi State University, the book has been rewritten in a conversational style. He said that the idea for the book came in a chance encounter with local Chinese.

"While I was a student at Mississippi State I used to overhear conversations of Chinese students speaking and I noticed distinctly that their southern accents were unique. After befriending a few, I was invited to their homes and began to see that here was a small handful of Chinese unlike any other Chinese that I had met, especially the ones in San Francisco.

"They were isolated in a society in which your identity was either black or white. They didn't have access to Chinese cultural centers such as Chinatown. They didn't have access to Chinese media. I wondered how it was possible that these Chinese remained Chinese in such an alien world," Quan recalled.

Quan lived in the Mississippi Delta for five years, until 1976, and has kept close contact with his friends there. He conducted over 300 interviews and was able to live with the local Chinese and became part of their everyday life. Unlike a previous book (James Loewen, *The Mississippi Chinese: Between Black and White*), Quan feels his work is an in-depth, objective study and gives the most up-to-date information on the Chinese in Mississippi "from their point of view."

"This is a study of how the Chinese came into a southern biracial caste system. Initially they were classified as colored. They concertedly worked to create and maintain a Mississippi Chinese identity. In the process of creating this identity they had to become assimilated into the southern Mississippi Delta society.

"This meant that they had to bring over, intact, families to produce a community. They had to give up their Chinese religious orientation in favor of a white Protestant religious orientation, Southern Baptist mainly. They had to create institutions that were acceptable to the white power structure. They created their own churches and their own schools as a result of discrimination and prejudice. With the help of the white Baptists, they were able to become respectable people," Quan reported.

Quan found that the Mississippi Chinese walked a thin tight rope in a tri-racial community, serving as middlemen to provide services for both black and white while trying to remain neutral politically. According to the sociologist, the Mississippi Chinese worked hard to preserve their own Chinese identity.

PRIDE

"I came to find out that the strength of the family and the passing on of some Chinese customs and traditions served to unify Chinese culture in the Delta. They made many of the food stuffs — salted fish, salted eggs. They cooked Chinese cuisine. They even had actual Chinese art objects to reinforce their identity as Chinese. They spoke of themselves as Chinese. I thought this was unique in a sea of black and white," Quan noted.

Quan said that many of the Mississippi Chinese succeeded because they stuck to certain values: "hard work, thrift, managing family, teaching children respect, instilling in them the value of education, and the need for them to become successful and to carry with them the pride of being Chinese."

Robert S. Quan

Like other researchers, Quan found that little information was recorded on how the Mississippi Chinese settled there. There is the theory that once the transcontinental railroad was completed, some set up little grocery stores in Mississippi. Some records indicate that many of the Chinese went to Mississippi through Mexico and through Cuba because of the Chinese Exclusion Acts. (For the first of which 1982 is the centennial anniversary.) As merchants they were allowed to bring in their families.

In another account, a Dutch merchant, Cornelius Koopmanschaap, attended an 1869 planters convention in Memphis, Tennessee, and offered to recruit Chinese coolies from Guangdong province to work on the plantations. The experiment failed when the steamer docked in New Orleans and the Chinese jumped ship. Quan said that the Chinese hoped to become wealthy men one day, but when they discovered they were to work as cotton pickers doing menial labor, they fled. Another researcher said that the 1880 census included 15 Chinese field hands near Greenville, Mississippi.

SUCCESS

In researching his book, Quan rarely used a tape recorder because, he explained, people were less reluctant to talk if he depended on notes and memorized quotes. A bachelor at the time, he said he often found himself in funny situations, facing questions whether or not he was ready to settle down and if he'd like to meet a "nice Chinese girl."

Quan discovered that the story of the Mississippi Chinese was one of success, and one that is dying. In two small Mississippi communities where the population was almost equal between black and white, Chinese Americans had been elected mayors. Because both groups felt that the Chinese would represent a fair kind of leadership, both groups supported the Chinese mayoral candidates, Quan explained.

Yet the kind of Mississippi identity made viable by the early Chinese settlers is no longer feasible for the third and upcoming fourth generations, Quan noted.

"The grocery stores which once served as the economic foundation for the maintenance of the Chinese identity no longer serves that purpose. The small Mom-and-Pop grocery stores are suffering competition from convenience and chain supermarkets who are able to undercut the Chinese grocer. Credit, which was once a needed service among the black communities, is all but gone. The blacks have gained more economic help and with transportation can shop elsewhere," Quan reported.

A price has been paid for the progress, Quan added: the younger generation has become more professionally educated and the opportunities of finding employment are not that great so they must leave the Delta to find successful careers, as well as potential marriage partners.

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"They must go elsewhere to find a new identity or transplant the Mississippi Chinese identity. And that has happened in Houston and in some parts of California. You

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have a dearth of in-migration and there is no way to sustain the community. The old people have foreseen that as well as the businessmen. So that's why they tell their children to study hard and to leave the Delta. They have resigned themselves to that inevitable fact," Quan said.

Quan's book, with about 200 pages and photographs dating back to the early 1920s, is being published by the University Press in Jackson, Mississippi. Quan said he believed that if he had submitted the book to a white planter or a black militant, the book would never had been printed.

"I think the book is important to Chinese Americans, young and old, because the experiences of the Chinese in cities within the US have been similar to various degrees. Oral history is usually not passed on readily to the young people, and young people, because they are pushed on to Americanization, rarely asked their parents about the things that happened in the past in America."

"My book brings to the fore the Chinese experience in general within the US and specifically within the Mississippi biracial situation," Quan said. *Lotus Among the Magnolias* is a book which will be read by many Chinese, especially those hailing from the Mississippi Delta. It offers a chance to look back at the past and to partially total up many of the sacrifices made by others. □

Bagong Diwa Visits SF Next Weekend

Alleluia Paris of the Bagong Diwa Dance Co. performs "Bayok," a work that highlights traditional Pilipino dance forms. Bagong Diwa will present concerts on Feb. 12, 13, and 14 at 8:30 pm at the Margaret Jenkins Performance Space (Sun. matinee at 2 pm) and on Feb. 19, 20 and 21 at 8:30 pm at the Performance Gallery. Tickets are $5 evenings, $4 for the matinee. Call 333-7762 for information.

Univ. of Hawaii Offers Philippine Language Institute

HAWAII — A Philippine Institute in language and culture will be held this summer at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Several scholarships are available to language teachers and graduate students throughout the US. Deadline for applications is Feb. 15. For information, contact Teresita V. Ramos, Co-coordinator, Dept. of Indo-Pacific Languages, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822, (808) 948-8933 or 948-8672. □

Beijing Signals New Step In US-China Relations

BEIJING — An apparent readiness on the part of Chinese officials to accept continued sales of some American arms to Taipei, provided that the US sets a time limit within which to end such sales, was indicated in a Sunday commentary in the New China News Agency. "Always mindful of the larger interests, China is willing to negotiate with the US for an end to the sales within a time limit," the commentary said. Though such sales are an "infringement" of China's sovereignity, Beijing is willing to give "due consideration" to Washington's contention of commitment to provide for Taiwan's defense, it continued.

President Reagan's recent decision not to sell advanced fighter jets, the F-16 or F-5G, to Taiwan, and instead to continue sales of the F-5E planes, disappointed Taipei, which claimed a need for the sophisticated models despite findings by the US that no such need existed, and upset Beijing leaders who were annoyed at being presented with a *fait accompli* rather than being included in the discussion.

However, neither the US nor Beijing seemed ready to push the issue, which both sides acknowledged as being a crucial test of US-China relations. According to the Taiwan Relations Act signed in 1979 by President Carter, the US agrees to providing for the military defense needs of Taiwan. Beijing, however, has never accepted this agreement, and has repeatedly warned against meddling in the internal affairs of the nation, of which Taiwan is considered to be an integral part, by the US and Beijing as well as Taipei.

The Deputy Secretary of State-designate, Walter J. Stoessel, Jr., told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last week that realization of "a real danger of a rupture" with Beijing had heavily influenced the US decision against selling advanced jets to Taipei. The State Department had earlier indicated that the decision was reached because Taipei lacked the military need for such planes.

The Chinese commentary rejected conservative American allegations that the US was "blackmailed" into abandoning the original plans to sell the advanced jets. They contended that such allegations come from those who promote a "two Chinas" policy and who wish to "scuttle the basis" for US-China relations. □

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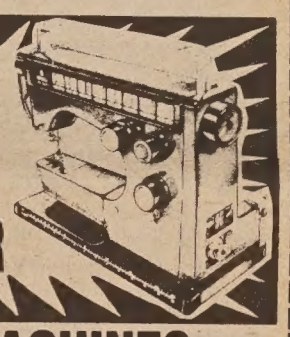

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Designer Gei Fong Chow: Blending Asian Flavor with Western Forms

By BARBARA DING

SAN FRANCISCO — The Chinese New Year fundraising party to be held by the Chinese Culture Foundation on Fri., Feb. 19 will feature a fashion show "Jade Empress Collection," designed by Gei Fong Chow.

Born in the US and raised in the countryside near Hollister, California, Chow never had an opportunity to be extensively exposed to her mother culture and said she never intended to claim her Asian ancestry in fashion design at the beginning. However, Gei came to realize the depth of her cultural roots only after several years of designing.

"Somehow, I absorbed it unconsciously and it fit in very well in my fashion designs," she recalled.

Gei Chow

DISTINCTIVE

Though contemporary in feeling and style, Chow's designs carry a distinctive and unique Asian flavor. Chow describes it as "coming out from me as a natural tendency without much deliberate effort." But a light touch may often change the flavor of the whole design.

"I am trying to transform the conventional forms of Western costumes by adding certain Chinese elements," she explained. Thus, here and there in her creations, the addition of a piece of embroidery or a shoulder slit, introduces an Asian feeling to the creation.

Gei considers herself to be more an artist than a fashion designer. Drawing since the age of 6, she continues to paint and sketch for local art shows. "To me, each piece of design is an art work. They came up from my best appreciation of 'beauty'," she explained.

"They are not geared to contemporary fashions so much, but should always be beautiful, feminine, and, above all, timeless." Some of the fashion designs that she created ten years ago still enjoy a good market now.

FABRIC

As an "artist" designer, Chow feels that designing fashion "is like creating a painting."

"I start with certain basic themes — the color arrangement and the combination of fabric and texture," she explained. Each piece takes several steps. She begins with a major piece of design — either an applique or piece of embroidery; and then adds other pieces to go with it, according to her sketches.

"While adding up these pieces, their own story emerges. Then, I adjust my sketches based on the development," she continued. Chow said she always has a group of color arrangements in mind for each design, and arranges accordingly pieces of the garment and its accessories in a series based on shades of color. She believes that the appropriate use of fabric can provide a striking effect.

"Each fabric has its own life: my job is to add it on its best place," she said.

PRACTICAL

Chow's creations are usually either peasant style, or extremely elaborate and formal, although she strives to keep both "feminine and comfortable." Chow believes that the occasion should dictate the choice of dress.

Fancy dresses are fine, but "in my fashion design, I try to make them practical as well," Chow said. In some of her creations, some major pieces can be taken off, making the outfit more appropriate for ordinary occasions.

Herself gentle and feminine in appearance, Chow nonetheless has a strong desire to fight her own way out in this field. "It is easier to follow someone else's footsteps, but much harder to create your own style," she noted. While climbing towards her career goal, she had felt much pressure to urge her back to play the traditional Chinese role of a woman, but Chow intends to fulfill her own creative desires.

Graduated from Pacific Fashion Institute in SF in 1970, Gei collaborated her first fashion show for an Asian arts festival that same year. Later, she worked for the well-known fashion companies Gunne Sax, Foxy Lady and San Francisco Shirtworks. She opened her own designer's boutique in 1980.

She has acted in movies, TV commercials, and is currently a floor director at KQED on "Over Easy" and the "Up and Coming" production. Right now, she is as much interested in theater production as in fashion design. In 1976, she studied with the American Conservatory Theatre on full scholarship, and later joined the Asian American Theatre Company.

The New Year dinner party on Feb. 19 will be held at the Empress of China Ballroom with cocktail hour starting at 6 pm. Tickets are $50 per benefactor, $35 per sponsor, and are available at the Culture Center, 750 Kearny; 986-1822. □

A silk brocade dolman sleeved dress with a mixed fabric peplum vest is one of the outfits included in Gei Chow's "Jade Empress Collection." The collection will be featured Feb. 19 in a benefit for the Chinese Culture Center.

C'town Exhibit Of Tokeshi, Senzaki Works

SAN FRANCISCO — "Progressions: Uniting Art, Politics and Community," an exhibit of silkscreen prints and drawings by Richard Tokeshi and Wes Senzaki, will be on display at the Chinatown Neighborhood Arts gallery in the community room of the Chinese Culture Center from Feb. 13 through Mar. 27.

Both artists are active in the Japantown Art and Media Workshop (JAM). Tokeshi teaches graphic art classes there and produces posters and brochures for community groups, while Senzaki serves as an illustrator, designer, silkscreener, and teacher.

The exhibition is the second in a series sponsored by the Kearny Street Workshop featuring the works of artists whose art reflects the social issues pertinent to the various Asian American communities in the Bay Area. Gallery hours are Tue. through Sat., 10 am to 5 pm at 750 Kearny St., 3rd floor, SF. An opening reception will be held at the gallery on Sat., Feb. 13, 3 pm to 6 pm. □

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UCLA Students Protest Changes In Minority Access Programs

By JANE SUJEN BOCK

LOS ANGELES — Charging that the UCLA law school faculty is taking continuing steps "toward weakening the access of minority and low-income students to the law school and toward reducing the number of minority lawyers actively involved and committed to serving their communities," the UCLA Asian Pacific Law Students Association (APLSA) recently mounted a campaign to maintain their involvement in the admission process.

Faculty members on the admission committee proposed in November that Asians no longer be considered minorities eligible for affirmative action and that minority law student participation in the admission process be eliminated.

WEIGHT

Prior to the 1978 Supreme Court Bakke decision, the law school's affirmative action policies emphasized admission of applicants who were deemed likely to provide legal services to minority and disadvantaged communities. After the Bakke decision, the program was divided into two parts. Currently, 60% of the class is admitted on the basis of college grades and Law School Admission Test (LSAT) scores alone; in the cases of the other 40%, "diversity" criteria — including physical handicap, Ph.D. status, ethnicity, and disadvantaged background — are considered in addition to academic factors.

Under the diversity program, minority applicants have the option of being interviewed by the Asian, black, or Chicano law students' organizations. According to APLSA interviewer Wesley M. Lowe, the organizations evaluate both the applicants' academic records and their commitments to using their legal education for their communities. The weight of these recommendations in admission decisions is left to the discretion of the faculty members.

However, faculty members on the admission committee proposed in November that student interviews be eliminated, and suggested that Asian ethnicity not be used as a "diversity" factor because Asians are no longer considered disadvantaged minorities and because sufficient numbers of Asians are admitted through the LSAT/grades formula. The faculty is expected to vote on these proposals this month.

COMMUNITIES

Student participation in admission decisions was first cut back in December when the faculty voted to give the assistant dean of the law school sole discretion in the cases of "clearly admissable" students applying under the diversity program, rather than allowing for the input of the minority organization interviewers. That decision was protested by more than 200 angry students who took over a faculty meeting on Dec. 4.

"We wanted to have a say in identifying the minority students who had advantages in their background, and those who have been disadvantaged and want to become attorneys in order to better serve their communities," APLSA member Bob Noguchi told the *LA Herald Examiner*.

However, law school dean William Warren claimed that the "interviews would delay the admission of those students for four to six weeks, which did not make sense because they would be admitted anyway." This put UCLA at a disadvantage with other law schools like Stanford and USC who can notify students of their acceptances immediately, Warren said.

Dolly Gee, a first year law student at UCLA, called the faculty's actions "underhanded" and said that any decision regarding Asian admission should have been made in consultation with APLSA. "The Admission Committee has been operating under misinformation," namely, the stereotype that Asians have "made it," she claimed.

"They don't understand the heterogeneity of the Asian population. . . there is evidence out in the real world that Asians are still disadvantaged and treated as second class citizens," she told *East/West*.

RIGHTS

In a recently released open letter, APLSA decried the faculty attacks on affirmative action, especially at "a time when, more than ever before, community conscious lawyers are needed to combat racism and unequal opportunities in minority/disadvantaged communities." They linked the cuts to attacks on affirmative action in general and to Reaganomics attacks on the "rights of low-income people across the nation."

The students have issued a set of counterproposals which seek to maintain Asian ethnicity as a factor in "diversity" decisions, to establish a set of clearly defined criteria with which to evaluate an applicant's potential to provide legal services to minority communities, and to assure student participation in the admission process. The students also want to insure that future proposed changes in affirmative action policies be made public through an open hearing.

The coalition of Asian, black and Chicano students will sponsor a rally and hearing on Fri., Feb. 5 from 2 to 4 pm at the law school. They are also seeking letters of endorsement for their position on affirmative action from members of the community. Letters may be sent to Dean William Warren, UCLA School of Law, 405 Hilgard Ave., LA, CA 90024, with copies to the Asian Pacific Law Students Association, also at the law school address.

In spite of unfavorable faculty response to the students' campaign so far, Noguchi vowed, "We will continue to fight. They're going to know they can't make any reductions in affirmative action without a struggle." □

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Applications may be obtained from Lucy de Luna of the Multicultural Program, School of Education, D-5 Campion Hall, University of San Francisco, SF 94117; 666-6878. Applications must be submitted to de Luna by Feb. 5 in order to meet the priority deadline. For information, contact Rosita G. Galang, bilingual credential coordinator at USF, 666-6878. □

San Diego Installs APAAC Officers

SAN DIEGO — The installation banquet of Asian Pacific American Advocates of California (APAAC) will be held Saturday, Feb. 13, at 6 pm at the Oceanview United Church of Christ, 3525 Ocean View Boulevard, San Diego. Reservations ($10 per person) should be made through APAAC, 1031 25th St., San Diego, CA 92101. □

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Happiness Still Eludes Tora in His 27th Film

PROGRAM NOTES

By RICHARD SPRINGER

The 27th in the popular Tora-san series, *Tora's Many Splintered Love*, begins a two-week run today at the Kokusai Theatre. Yoji Yamada again directs the cast of regulars, including Kiyoshi Atsumi as the ne'er-do-well Tora.

The formula is the same: Tora falls in love; Tora messes up and loses girl. The humor and slapstick lighten the mood, but happiness still eludes our hero. Tora's ineptitude is particularly annoying in this film, because his leading lady, Keiko Matsuzaka, is stunningly beautiful and plays a geisha who gives Tora every chance to assert himself. Even Yamada seems strained making the lack of communications between the two seem believable.

The film is well-made and has enough laughs for the Tora-san faithful. One just wishes that Yamada would add new wrinkles to inject some life into this popular series.

BORDER

• *Alambrista*, a hard-edged study of the tribulations of an illegal immigrant from Mexico, was the sleeper hit of the 1978 San Francisco Film Festival. Well-acted by a mostly-inexperienced cast, the movie combined a documentary look with a direct, affecting storyline.

A new film, *The Border*, has opening scenes of Mexican peasants that made me think I was about to see a film as good as *Alambrista* and with the acting talents of Jack Nicholson, Harvey Keitel, Valerie Perrine and Warren Oates and the directorial ability of Tony Richardson.

NICHOLSON

Nicholson is good as a border patrolman plagued by the materialism of his dingy wife (Perrine) on the home front and tempted by the corruption of his fellow officers (Keitel and Oates). His determination to assist an illegal immigrant (Elipidia Carillo) cross the border leads to the major confrontation in the film.

According to press reports, preview audiences reacted badly to a violent ending to the film and Richardson reassembled Nicholson and other members of the cast to do reshooting. The new ending looks like it was slapped on at the last minute like an afterthought.

But even before the finale, the film goes awry. The comedy scenes between Perrine and Nicholson don't mesh with the slowly-building tension between Nicholson and the corrupt officers. Nicholson is supposed to be playing an experienced world-wide character, but he is *slow* to pick up the situation he has fallen into. *Alambrista* may not have featured "name" actors, but it was a much better film.

DISNEY

• After Walt Disney died, his studio went into a tailspin. Although the amusement parks flourished and the re-releases of animation classics like *Fantasia* raked in profits, the new films lacked old Uncle Walt's knowledge of his audience. There were even management problems, as a group of the top animators left Disney and formed their own production company.

While it's not an easy assignment producing family films that can satisfy adult audiences, Disney management, AW (after Walt), has seemed confused. But with *Night Crossing*, they have found their way again. Based on a true story of two East German families who build a balloon to escape to the West, *Night Crossing* is a tautly-directed adventure story with good performances by John Hurt, Jane Alexander and Beau Bridges. The film may be too tense for the very young, but the rest of the family should enjoy it.

PENN

• The critics are certainly split concerning *Four Friends*. Vincent Canby of the *New York Times* and the Chicago critics Gene Siskel and Roger Ebert have accorded the film raves. Judy Stone of the *SF Chronicle* was disappointed and Pauline Kael of the *New Yorker* and Sheila Bensen of the *LA Times* knocked the film soundly.

As much as I respect director Arthur Penn's previous films and admire his intention to paint with broad, flashy strokes to convey the state of mind in the 1960s, I have to side with his detractors here. The script by Steven Tesich (*Breaking Away*) is primarily responsible for the confused jumble. For example, two of the "four friends" of the title are sketched so thinly that they get totally lost in the shuffle.

Tesich's scripting hits its mark when he develops the relationship between a morose, disillusioned steelworker (Miklos Simon) and his son (Craig Wasson), the central character of the film. Had Tesich concentrated on this relationship, he might not have said much about the 60s, but he would have written a better movie.

Kiyoshi Atsumi and Keiko Matsuzaka appear in Tora's *Many Splintered Love*.

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The public hearing on the Draft Revisions to the 1980-85 Health Systems Plan for Health Service Area #4 originally scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 1982 is hereby cancelled. The public hearing has been rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, 1982, at the following location:

West Bay Health Systems Agency
215 Market St., 7th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105.

The time period for receiving verbal comments has been extended through 5 p.m. on March 2, 1982.

Mailed comments should be mailed to the above address, attention Executive Director.

A summary of the public testimony, comments and recommendations will be submitted to the WBHSA Governing Body on Thursday, April 1, 1982 at the following location:

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Call Kay Irvin, 543-4930 for further information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Public Utilities Commission of the City and County of San Francisco in Room 282, City Hall; at 2:00 p.m., March 9, 1982 for the purpose of discussing street restoration related to the reconstruction of the cable car trackway adjacent to the cable car lines. The work to be done under this project will include traffic routing, street excavation, and pavement resurfacing.

A. Description of Program

Financial assistance to support the street restoration work connected with the Cable Car Barn and Trackway Rehabilitation Project. The project will consist of two elements: Pavement Restoration and Pavement Resurfacing.

1. Pavement Restoration will involve traffic routing, street excavation, and construction of concrete curbs and sidewalks on selected streets adjacent to the Cable Car lines.
2. Pavement Resurfacing will involve traffic rerouting; removal of existing asphalt concrete wearing surface, traffic reflectors, and raised traffic bars; adjusting existing City-owned manhole frames, catchbasins and castings on selected streets adjacent to the Cable Car lines.

PROJECT BUDGET

	Federal Share 86.09%	Total
Contracts	$3,420,000	$3,972,000
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B. Relocation

No persons, families, or business will be displaced by this project.

C. Environment

No negative environment impact is anticipated as a result of this project.

D. Comprehensive Planning

This project conforms to the San Francisco Municipal Railway Five Year Plan, the Capital Improvement Program, and is consistent with all regional land use and transportation planning in the Bay region.

E. Elderly and Handicapped

The street restoration will not directly affect the elderly and handicapped pupulation. However, the Municipal Railway as a part of it's general policy has taken into consideration the special needs of the elderly and handicapped population.

The elderly and handicapped are currently offered transit service at a significantly discounted rate. Wheelchair lift-equipped vehicles are now in service on routes throughout the service area.

At the hearing, the Public Utilities Commission will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, environmental, and economic aspects of the projects. Interested persons may submit orally or in writing evidence and recommendations with respect to said projects.

A draft copy of the application, the Muni Five Year Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program for the area are currently available for public inspection in Room 287, City Hall, San Francisco, California 94102

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State A/PA Demos Meet to To Plan Priorities, Methods

SAN FRANCISCO — "We need a united political organization that can represent and work for the Asian/Pacific American community as a whole," Maeley Tom, chair of the Asian Pacific Caucus of the California Democratic Party, explained. "Right now there's no place people can go when they want to know how the Asian/Pacific community feels about an issue."

Organizers of the first statewide Asian/Pacific American Democratic leadership conference hope that just such a voice will emerge from "The United Winning Margin," a weekend conference to be held in Sacramento from Feb. 12 to Feb. 14. According to Chinese American Democratic Club president Harold Yee, the intent of the gathering is to stimulate interest in developing Asian Democratic clubs throughout the state and to link them into a political action network.

At least 250 participants are expected to attend the conference, which is sponsored by the Asian Pacific Caucus and eight Chinese, Japanese, Philipino, Vietnamese, and Asian Democratic clubs around the state. Sen. Alan Cranston, Reps. Bob Matsui and Norman Mineta, Secretary of State March Fong Eu, State Senate President Pro-Tem David Roberti, Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, and Mayor Tom Bradley will address the conference, along with other politicians and candidates.

The conference will feature workshops to sharpen political skills and will explore issues in order "to develop an agenda for Asian/Pacific Americans in the 1980s," Yee said. Position papers on immigration and refugees, civil rights and affirmative action, social services and health, and economic and business development have already been submitted.

"This is an opportunity for people interested in the political process as a means to improving their communities to meet and exchange ideas with a broad spectrum of Asians from all over California," Yee said.

Tom said that an exciting aspect of the conference will be the involvement of community-based activists as well as those who have been active in state politics.

SOLUTIONS

"The political people need to learn about grassroots/issues organizing, and the grassroots/issues people need to develop their political skills," she stated.

"We need the collective wisdom to be gathered and focused," Caucus treasurer Wilson Chang explained, adding that he expects conference participants to include "people who have been involved in Democratic politics and who might have some gripes about it —but who also might be able to offer some solutions."

According to Tom, Asian/Pacific Islanders in California now number more than one million, and they are the fastest growing ethnic minority in the nation. Collectively, they could make the difference in several upcoming political contests throughout the state. "This is a significant time for Asians to develop political clout," said Chang, noting that census data show the SF population to be 28.7% Asian.

Tom explained that increasing involvement in the political process by Asian/Pacific Americans is a recent occurrence: "Before, Asians were concerned with becoming a part of the mainstream. Now we realize that we have to get organized in order to have a greater say in our lives."

Another reason for the slow political development of Asian Americans is that the minority is comprised of so many different ethnic groups, she said. This lack of political strength is the reason why Asian/Pacific Americans are being phased out of programs for minorities, she asserted.

ALLEGIANCE

While Yee said that "anyone who has allegiances to some sort of egalitarian ideals and some dreams of working for the disadvantaged" would register as a Democrat, he also noted that the Democratic Party leaves much to be desired in terms of practical accomplishments.

"Neither party has taken any kind of steps to include Asian Americans in their affirmative action programs," he declared. "The Democrats may say, 'Yeah, we believe in equality and minority participation' while the Republicans don't even talk about it, but the net effect is the same — neither has done anything." Traditionally, the Democrats have meant "blacks" when they spoke of minorites, while Republicans are currently using Hispanics to "play the minority game," he said.

"I offer, enlist, and encourage the participation of Asians in the Democratic Party," Yee said, but he is not certain that the allegiance of Asians to the Democrats will be a lasting one. (Two-thirds of the Asian/Pacific American registered in SF are Democrats, with the remaining third split equally among Republicans and Independents, according to Yee.) He said he encourages Asian Republicans to be active and hopes that efforts in both parties will pay off in more resources for Asian communities.

The conference will also focus on how Asians can get more results from the money which they contribute to political campaigns. In spite of the fact that Asians contribute more to political campaigns than any other minority group, "we are way behind (other minorities) in obtaining government funding, resources, and appointments to visible, policy-making positions," Tom observed.

The registration fee for the conference is $25 and includes membership in the Asian Pacific Caucus. Registration and hotel reservations, available at the Woodlake Inn (the conference site) for $36 per room per night should be made with Karen Yamamoto, 6825 Wavecrest. Sacramento, CA 95831; (916) 445-8430 evenings.

"This conference offers the chance to get in on the ground floor in the evolutionary development of a broad-based Asian/Pacific political movement," Yee said. "I have a great deal of hope for the acceleration of participation (by Asian/Pacific Americans) in political affairs — in fact, I think it's happening right now."

Vietnamese Democratic Club Starts Up in SF

SAN FRANCISCO — City and state politicians and members of Asian Democratic clubs around the Bay Area turned out to wish the Vietnamese American Democratic Club (VADC) well during its first major event last Thursday. More than 60 people attended the VADC's reception at the Garden House Vietnamese Restaurant, a celebration both of the lunar New Year and of the first anniversary of the informal formation of the club.

Although the VADC was incorporated last August, the reception marked the club's first major effort "to come out and tell people, 'here we are!'" according to member Vu-Duc Vuong.

Club membership has mushroomed to approximately 100, only 15-20 of whom currently are registered voters but all of whom are eager to establish a "foothold in the political process." Most of the non-citizen members are close to obtaining citizenship (a five-year residency period is necessary prior to naturalization), Vuong said.

Vuong, who foresees Vietnamese Americans becoming a significant political force in "the city, the state, and potentially the nation," said he believes most Vietnamese immigrants feel more at home with the philosophy of the Democratic party than that of the Republicans.

"The Democrats have been more concerned about dealing with people who are minorities, disadvantaged, and poor — and we are all of those," Vuong explained. The Democratic party will provide Vietnamese with "more opportunities for us to get our voices heard," he added.

The event was attended by Supervisors Carol Ruth Silver, Harry Britt, and Nancy Walker; Mario Obledo, Secretary of the Health and Welfare Agency, and other area politicians and administrators. □

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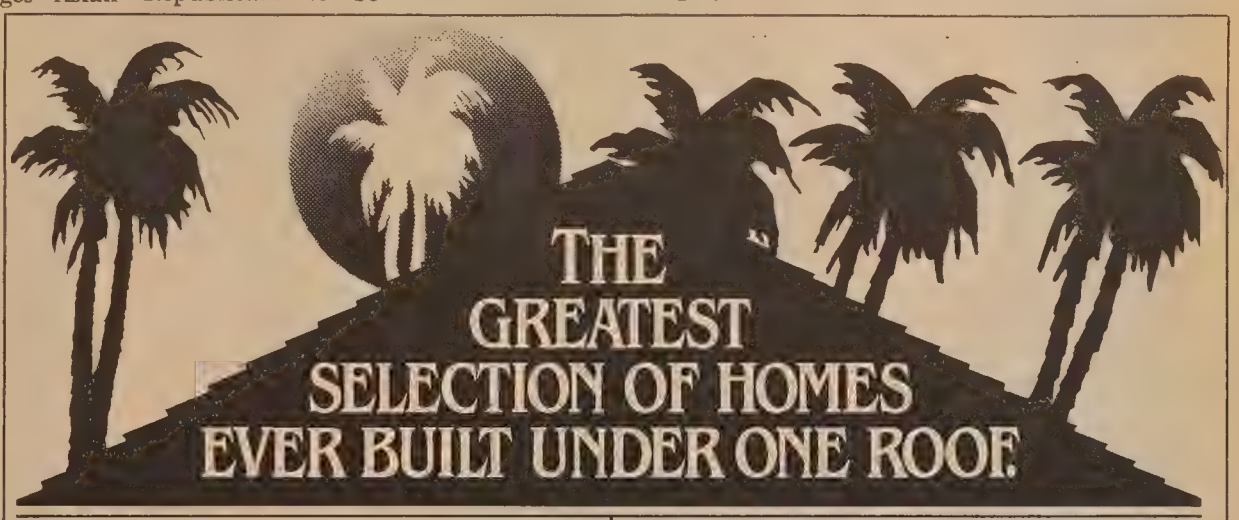

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Asians Now! Looks At Mangyans; A/PA Democratic Caucus

SAN FRANCISCO — *Asians Now!*, on KTVU-channel 2, will interview Filipino photojournalist Tonet Jose on Feb. 6 about the three months he spent living with a Mangyan settlement on the island of Mindoro in the Philippines. Wilson Chang, treasurer of the Asian Pacific Caucus of the California Democratic Party, will also be interviewed about why Asians should get more involved in the political process.

Guests for the show's Feb. 13 broadcast will include attorneys Bill Hing and Tom Surh who will discuss the impact of pending immigration legislation on Asian American families. Fashion designer Gei Chow, featured at a Feb. 19 fundraiser for the Chinese Culture Center, and artists Wes Senzaki and Richard Takeshi, will show some of their posters and silkscreens.

Asians Now! airs Saturdays at 9 am. □

Lee Kuan Yew Upset At Fall of Family Values in Singapore

SINGAPORE — Expressing concern over the breakdown of traditional family values, Singapore's Prime Minister, Lee Kuan Yew, said he would propose legislation to force children to look after their parents when they are old, United Press International reported.

"We must reverse the trend for all married children to set up their own homes and leave their parents to live by themselves."

"Asian societies had survived without the state welfare systems that burdened the economies of the West because of Asia's tradition of venerating elders. I am saddened that Confucianist morality and custom will now require legislation before filial obligations are honored," Lee said in his Chinese New Year address.

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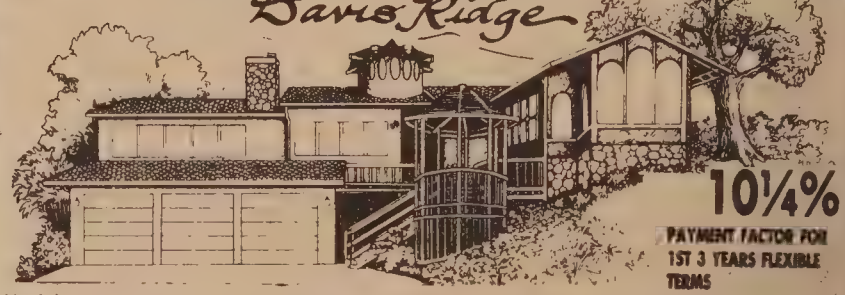

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SAT.-SUN., FEB. 6-7
Spring Festival celebration at the Chinese Culture Ctr. SF, free.

SAT., FEB. 6, 2 p.m.
Flowing Stream Ensemble and Chinese Music Makers Concert, Chinatown Library, 1135 Powell, SF. Free.

SAT. FEB. 6,2 pm
Films on Chinese history by Wango Weng at Asian Art Museum, GG Park, SF.

SAT., FEB. 6, 6 p.m.
Asian American Bar Assn. Dinner, Silver Dragon Restaurant, 835 Webster, Oakland. $25, Evelyn Low at 392-1960.

SAT., FEB. 6, 6 pm
New Year banquet at Chinese Community Church, 1750 47th St., San Diego. $15 Liz Hong (714) 582-1724

SAT. FEB 6, 6:30 pm
Chinese American Democratic Club Chinese New Year Banquet at the Grand Ballroom, Empress of China, 838 Grant, SF. $30 397-3296

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Chinese New Year Basketball Classic Championship Game, at the Chinese Recreation Center, 1199 Mason, SF. 885-2883

SUN., FEB. 7, 2 p.m.
Master Piano Class performance by Brenda Tom. Mills College Music Auditorium, Seminary at MacArthur, Oakland. Free. 531-4911, ext 2676.

SUN., FEB. 7, 6 p.m.
Organization of Chinese Americans New Year's Banquet at Paradise Inn, 1862 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood, Colorado. 779-1175 or 693-2722.

TUES. FEB. 9, 7:30 pm
Asian Pacific American Advocates of Cal. regional meeting, Chinatown YMCA, 855 Sacramento St., SF. Free.

THURS. FEB. 11, 10:30 am, 2:30 pm
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Asian Pac American Advocates of Calif. installation banquet, Oceanview United Church, 3525 Ocean View Blvd., San Diego, $10.

TUES. FEB. 16, 6-9 pm
Asian Business League Open House, Chinese Culture Center, 750 Kearny; SF. Free (Ben Cardenas, 954-0766)

THURS. FEB. 18, 3-4:30 pm
Children's dough sculpture class, North Beach Lib., 2000 Mason, SF, SF. Free.

FRI, FEB 19, 6 pm
Chinese Culture Foundation New Year Dinner and Fashion Show, Empress of China's Ballroom, 838 Grant, 5th fl, SF' room, 838 Grant, 5th fl, SF. $50; $35. 986-1822.

FRI. FEB. 19, 7:30 pm
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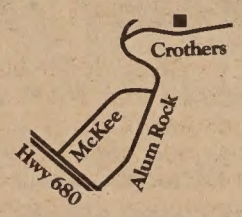

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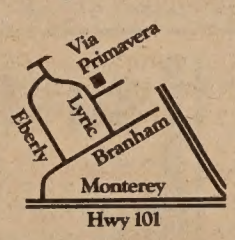

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在現代社會中生活，我們必須有些基本常識，其中最主要的是地理和歷史方面的知識。地理方面的基本常識，不但包括本國的各種地理知識，如政治地理及經濟地理等，還要知道世界上主要國家的各種地理特點。同樣情況，歷史常識也包括本國歷史及世界各國的簡概歷史。有了這些基本常識，在工作中就獲得很多便利。

普通的地理常識，比較容易獲得，只要讀些地理書籍，查閱有些地圖，就能知道各地的大概情況。想獲得歷史常識，就比較難些，由于歷史是人類社會活動的紀錄，不但內容十分複雜，而且有時間性，如果記憶力不足，就會前後發生的事情弄不清楚，當然減少興趣，不想知道什麼了。幸而中國有些歷史演義小說，如「三國」、「隋唐」等，雖然不是正史，但也有多少根據，從中可以得些知識。

歷史知識就是人類生活的經驗，其重要性不言而喻。現在人們常說的「歷史教訓」，提醒自己「前車之鑒」，意思是「前人的失敗，可作今人的鑑戒」，因此研究歷史的人很多，關于歷史的書籍刊物也很普通。現在人們不但研究本國的歷史，也十分注意世界上主要國家的歷史，因爲目前國際關係愈來愈重要，經過兩次世界大戰後，情勢跟以往大不相同，不但經濟關係愈來愈密切，即政治影響也使彼此直接牽涉在內，有互相瞭解情況的需要。

最近發現一本「中國簡史」，由天津師範學院歷史系編寫的，附有「大事年表」，不但包括「中國大事」，也列出「外國大事」，可稱之爲中外「比較歷史」的「大事年表」，似乎以前沒有見過這種歷史紀錄，給讀者很多便利。

這項「大事年表」長達五十頁，幾乎是全書的十分之一，內容豐富，讀者按表查閱，可得意想不到的收穫。古代史中，春秋戰國的事，同希臘羅馬的大事並列。漢唐宋的事，附有歐洲日本等國家的大事。明清以來，紀錄外國大事更多了，這是最具興趣的部份。

例如：一四九二年，明孝宗弘治五年，哥倫布航海到達美洲聖薩瓦多島。一七七六年，清高宗乾隆四十一年，北美大陸會議發表「獨立宣言」，宣佈美利堅合衆國獨立。一八〇四年，清仁宗嘉慶九年，拿破侖稱皇帝，頒佈法典。一八一八年，清仁宗嘉慶二十三年，馬克思出世（生—一八九五年死）。一八六八年，清穆宗同治七年，日本明治維新（—一八七三年）。一九一四年，中華民國三年，第一次世界大戰開始。一九一七年，俄國十月社會主義革命勝利。這些中外大事的對照，給我們十分生動的印象。

下午茶座　冠軍

（續上期）我們由舊金山四九人足球隊奪錦標事而談到美國體壇的賭風。朋友甲、乙兩君說中國體育迷可能不明瞭美國體壇怪事，希望他們不要盲目崇洋。

甲君繼續說：「美國大學中也有一些不正常的風氣，那就是讓體育老師和球隊教練到處搜羅『明星球員』。這些球員常常只會打球，不會讀書。但也會獲得一個大學學位。我看這是教育界醜惡的一面。」

丙君說：「許多大學認爲有一隊冠軍球隊，便可以替學校爭取榮譽。」

乙說：「可不是這麼簡單，球隊可爭取校友對學校的支持，不斷捐款給母校。所以雖然有人批評這種近似職業性的球隊，學校也不敢輕易改變過來。」

丙說：「我聽說不少『明星球員』有獎金、有變相薪金、還有替身學生代他們上課和考試。」

甲說：「的確有這樣的事。所以我看現在美國和中國交往較多，中國體育迷對美國和世界體壇的怪事要知道。不要以爲西方的東西都是一流、先進的。」我同意大家的看法，美國還有娛樂性的職業摔角賽、女子滑屐賽，和一些粗暴的運動（拳擊與美式足球等），都是不應效法的。（完）

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四十一，真理的尋找

我們忽忽離開白沙，要在太陽下山之前趕到台山城，一旦太晚，華僑賓館裏恐怕會告客滿。果然如此，抵達台山城時還不到六時，我們已經是最後註册的客人了。

連日搬運行李上落，無意中扭傷了腰部。在台山城工作的表侄兒健強乘夜外出，把他的一位好友醫生帶到賓館來替我醫治。醫生說：「要完全立刻復元，針灸較爲有效。但是我想你也許受不起針灸可能引起的心理緊張，還是電療輕鬆。」

在醫生的小心按摩中，耳畔傳來一個熟悉的聲音，原來是大學時的同學漢仁，三十年來離散，大家互嘆青春不再。漢仁是我生命中的許多恩人之一，在廣州攻讀期間，他接待我居住在他家裏，還有僕人供應膳食，我們出入形同兄弟。這次我預先通知他回城的日期，他便自動夜訪故人了。

嘉恩在大廳外正在給幾個青年人教授英語，這是她在旅行中給中國的禮物，無論在故宮、在長城，在頤和園，她自動去結交了不少當地的青年，他們交換姓名地址，一見「鍾情」。可惜有許多地方，本地人不能進入。他們祇能在門外失望地望着嘉恩的背影在人叢中消失。這一些剛認識的同胞們，才好好地建立起友情，又被拆散了。

如果我要用一句話來形容今天中國的心志，我要說就是這種學習的熱誠，人們的求智慾極度旺盛，可以從電視上的種種教育節目看到。在廣州市的一個清晨，在賓館的湖邊草地上坐着兩個廿來歲的女孩子，她們手裏拿着一本英語課文在反覆背誦，那情景很使人感動。我行近她們，兩個人毫不害羞的用英語和我交談。我說：「你們眞用功。」

「我們不能不用功。」一個說。

「爲甚麼？」

「因爲學好了，才能爲國家——和對你們提供更好的服務呵。請你老實說，我們讀得對嗎？」

「不但對，」我發出由衷之言；「而且十分正確呢。你們的老師，是外國人嗎？」

「是中國人，從前在美國留學的。」

「你們的前途一定無限量。」我展望着未來的中國；「從前我們在荔枝灣唸書，沒有甚麼成就。」

兩個女孩子怔了一下，高個子的忽然用廣東話說：「原來你也是本地人！」

「這有甚麼關係呵？」我莫名其妙。

他臉上一片通紅，說：「在自己人面前擺弄英語，怪難爲情的。」

另一個却趕快說：「不過，我們還是感謝你的指教。」在她們美麗的黑眼珠裏，我看見了人對眞理的尋找。

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嘉勵、嘉恩、嘉靈、健明在享受中國亭園風味。

四十二，人工湖

台山城的凌晨，有些薄霧。子華問我：「準備好了沒有？我們今晚必須趕回廣州。」我回答道：「還有一件要事。我不能不看看人工湖便走。」

子華笑說：「那倒容易得很，你跟我來。」

原來人工湖就在賓館的背後，我心中把它列爲「要事」，因爲六弟告訴我，他也曾是發掘這個湖的千萬工人之一，我要去看，不是好奇，而是要讓那件已經勝利完成了的工程來激發我的意志。

人工湖的面積不算龐大，但是曲折有古風，小石橋，和伸展到湖心的涼亭，都應該是攝影留念最佳的地方，湖的四週樹木茂盛，春天來的時候，該是一番多麼詩情畫意的景緻。湖旁青草地上，露珠未乾；水面上也飄着一層蒸氣，美極了。然而我腦海裏不禁泛起了千萬對粗糙勞動的手，他們在把泥土一劏一劏的劏起來……

在湖的入口處，一位老人家在擺攤子，那張小木檯上放了百來個寫有號數的小木牌子。我問他：「請問你賣甚麼？」

他却故弄虛玄的道：「甚麼都不賣。」

「但是，這些牌子……」

「好吧，讓我告訴你，這兒是停車場。」

「停車場？」這麼的一塊小地方，可以停甚麼車呢？我在週圍搜索。

「停單車！」他望着這個「外國人」，好像說：「這樣也不懂，你眞是落後！」

「人們把單車停在這裏，讓你看住，他們可以去遊湖，是嗎？」我覺悟地說。

老人家點點頭，一面在整理牌子。

「有偷竊的事情發生嗎？」我一出口，就發覺問錯了。

「有我在看管，誰敢來偷？」他瞪了我一眼。前些時，我看過一段電視新聞，說有一個人在上海偷了一個電燈泡，要坐若干時間的監牢云云。

子華又來催我趕路。上了車，向北行不到一小時，到了沙冲村。這裏是外婆的鄉下，我急忙對司機同志說：「停車呵！」

在我十三歲以前的歲月，多在外婆的家裏渡過。有一次，被日本軍隊追趕，我掉進了爛泥的茨菇塘裏，整個身體陷在泥中，動也不能動，正在千鈞一髮之際，一位婦人在路旁經過，她是母親的同學，立刻把我救出來，如果不是她的見義勇爲，我家的故事，想又是另一套寫法了。

現在，這一帶的茨菇塘，開成了一道小河，在石級上，有幾個女孩子在洗滌剛從園裏拔出來的白菜。

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金山客批世情

※利害互見

報載：雷根總統曾提議，如果美國國民每週多做半小時工作，國民總收入每年可增加二百五十億元。

金山客曰：有工做之人每週多做半小時工作，豈非製造更多失業人數？

※文明與垃圾

一位人類學教授研究報告，謂上世紀聚積垃圾比過去五千年多出四十倍。

金山客曰：垃圾乃文明之象徵。

※頭等廣告

加州有一男子剃光頭，在其頭上爲人登廣告，居然生意大好，財源滾滾。

金山客曰：此乃登廣告之「頭」等地位

※安全．福利？

美矢近州一男子在社會安全福利局前吞槍自殺，以抗議政府取消其救濟福利金。

金山客曰：此地既不安全，亦無福利。

現場錄音

※發現與發明

妹妹：姊姊，發現同埋發明有乜分別呢？可以舉個例嗎？

姊姊：譬如爸爸發現咗媽媽；然後媽媽發明咗我地。

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地方人士抨擊 雷根社會政策

（本報訊）雷根總統上週二晚間發表國情咨文，但其內容並未使地方社區對雷根經濟社會福利政策造成的影響，舒減憂慮。

據報導，雷根重申其反對增加稅收的立場。他表示，雖然他將繼續減稅、不加收國內消費稅、及增加國防經費，而使政府預算赤字高達一千億元，他仍將「遵守諾言」，他鼓勵大家「努力生產、節約和投資」，使得美國成爲一個「充滿自由、希望及繁榮的強大發動機」。

州政府儲貸委員會委員楊曹文梅表示：「目前我們社會的失業率幾達百分之十，而雷根總統對失業問題未置片言，使我們深感失望。她指出：「許多人既無健康保險，又無職業，根本無力負擔醫療費用。如果雷根進一步削減社會福利經費，將有更多的人失業及急需社會福利。」

她說：「如果政府在八二年度的赤字超過一千億元，將使政府成爲銀行的大戶借款人，而造成貸款利率高踞不下。可是我們一般的人，特別是小額資本的生意人，目前已有難以借到錢的困難。」她指出，如果貸款利率不大幅降低，汽車與房屋建造業將繼續受害，而使失業情況更形嚴重。

雷根最近宣佈將四百七十億經費的行政責任與州及地方政府「交換」。根據此政策，原來由聯邦政府經營的糧券及兒童救濟金（聯邦福利經費的兩項最大支出）、教育經費、及地方社區及都市發展計劃將由州及地方政府經營。而聯邦政府將全責經管老人及貧窮醫療福利，及重要工程及公路的修建經費。

舊金山安老自助處主任鍾月娟對雷根將社會福利基金整批歸地方政府支配的政策表示意見。她指出地方社區的福利機構，特別是少數民族的福利機構，有雙語的特殊服務等，可以發揮一般機構不可及的功能，應該受到格外的保障。同時職業訓練計劃會加惠許多新移民及失業的人，更應繼續維持下去。他呼籲華埠人士爲維護這些計劃而盡力。

漢聲停播 暫緩執行

（本報訊）KQED廣播電台上週召開董事會議，批准改變節目事，暫時延緩九十天執行，原定取消漢聲電台廣播之舉，可獲九十天的延緩。

該電台總經理艾爾·胡生聲稱，原定取消週日晚上的漢聲廣播，及阿拉伯、以色列、菲律賓、西班牙語廣播節目，係基於節目製定的決定。華人權益促進會主任謝國器認爲這有嚴重的政治意義。因此該台董事會同意九十天的延緩，俾研究其他城市提供的服務。

謝國器告本報說：「如果任何其他單位可適應粵語社區的需要，應該由他們來做。我們不相信只有我們才能夠做到，但是我們做了這麼多年，只是因爲只有我們在做。」華人權益促進會的華人廣播協會製作漢聲廣播節目，下星期將踏入第十二年。

謝國器說：「對那些具有特別文化背景和特別語言需要的人，你怎樣爲他們服務呢？」胡生指稱有關亞裔的題材已在白天時間廣播了，謝氏辯駁說，白天的節目不夠多，而且主要的對象是白人、中產階級的聽衆，無法滿足灣區大量移民的需要。

外資與社區無關

（社論）自從一個香港財團要在屋崙市區建造一座六十八層的大廈，以及香港一位實業界巨頭購得舊金山市的China Basin大廈後，傳說紛紜，大量資金從亞洲移來了美國。

以往三十年來，許多亞洲工商家發了財，由于東亞不少地區，工業發達，地產實業繁榮，這是事實。近年來東南亞的局勢驅使這些實業家，轉向美國投資和謀求安身。

這種情形毫不足奇。在美國來說，當然歡迎他們的經驗和投資。大家也不必過份注意此事，以致庸人自擾。至于謠傳亞洲來客都是腰纏萬貫，將來會襲括一切，實屬無稽之談。

事實上，數量龐大得多的資金從加拿大、歐洲、中東等地區湧入美國，投資地產實業和從事工商企業；同亞洲來的資金比較，眞有大巫與小巫之別。

近年來從亞洲來的新移民，絕大多數是難民身份，在貧困綫上掙扎。我們亞裔社會同香港財團及實業界巨頭，風馬牛不相及，沾不到一些邊。我們間的種種問題，如失業、住屋、教育、治安、衛生等等，目前尚未解決。

短聞

★華埠第四衛生分局定二月六日（星期六）上午十時至十時至十二時舉行「照料你及家人的牙齒」中文班。預先登記。電五五八—三一五八。

☆入息較低無力繳煤電費的舊金山居民，可向亞鄰設計會申請補助金。攜同煤電費通知書及入息證明，每日上午十一時至十二時，下午四時至五時，到委利賀街五七六號。電話九八二—二七五八。

★舊金山私立大學一九八二至八三年加州雙語教師獎學金（一百美元至三千五百美元），可向舊金山大學多元化系書記 Lucy de Luna 索取，電話六六六—六八七八。

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☆本市電報山社區中心免費替老年人報稅。由二月八日至四月十二日每星期一上午十時至下午二時有專人駐會服務。地點：林巴街六六〇號（四二一—六四四三）。

☆李立達新式書法展覽自上月展出以來，觀衆讚譽李氏作品融會中西書法優點，有創意，令人耳目一新。該展覽定二月七日星期日閉幕。時間：中午十二時至六時。地點：寶樹街二七一九號謝胡黃畫廊（九二一—一五一五），不收門券。

★聖地牙哥市中華學校與美中人民友協聯合舉行電影欣賞會定二月十三星期六上午十時至中午十二時，放映中國電影「林則徐」，地點在百老匯路十五號百老匯（大華）電影院，入場每人只收一元。

☆聯邦貿易委員會爲使華人消費者認識有關信用、借貸、郵購商品、逐家挨户推銷員、商業性騙局、婦女及信用紀錄、商品質量保證等條例，已譯有中文小册。在新僑中心、安老自助處、華美學校、護兒中心、東北衛生服務處、女青年會及成人教育中心等處備索。

★加州首屆亞裔民主黨領袖大會定二月十二至十四（星期五至日）在沙加緬度市木湖旅舍舉行，討論題目包括教育、移民、社會服務、健康、商業、就業及亞裔與民主黨等問題。

☆翁萬戈製作中國歷史紀錄片將在二月六日星期六下午二時及十三日三時一刻在金門公園亞洲藝術博物院放映，英語講述。

☆加州公園及康樂部宣佈定二月十九至三月廿日在沙加緬度市（二埠）加州鐵路博物館紀念華人先輩對加州的貢獻。在此期間將有特別資料圖片展覽，邀華人歷史學家演講，及安排其他節目云。

★流泉音樂社及「中國音樂製作者」定二月六日星期六下午二時在跑華街一一三五號華埠圖書館演奏，不收門券。

★安老自助處護理班同學會定二月七日星期日下午二時在板街六四〇號該處禮堂舉行週年大會。又家政班同學會定二月十四星期日上午十時半在該處選舉職員及議定春季聯歡大會事宜。

☆柏克萊亞洲青少年中心將于二月一日至六月十二日展開亞裔課餘活動春季營。節目有英文科目指導，晚間娛樂活動及文化活動。

★舊金山政府婦女地位委員會定二月十二日舉辦午餐會祝賀甄郭麗蓮法官。餐費每人三十元。地點是沙拿頓皇宮酒家。詳情電五五八—三六五三。

★舊金山僑立東華醫院一九八二年度董事職員，已于一月十九日在金龍酒家舉行就職典禮。僑界熱心人士即席捐款五萬一千九百元。

☆華埠皇后酒樓本週一上午九時半，爲一持槍亞裔男子，劫去現款十萬元。三藩市警方防止幫派勒索小組呼籲市民合作檢舉，電五五三—一四〇一。